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I feel VERY STRONGLY that the FDA needs to include the terms "irradiation" or "irradiated" in labeling food which has been thus processed!!!! The proposed use of terms such as "cold pasteurization " and "electronic pasteurization" are MISLEADING and should not be used!! Vitamins are destroyed by irradiation and it causes changes in sensory and spoilage qualities that are not obvious to the consumer, and the consumer has the right to know what foods have been "processed" by irradiation so that they can make a choice in what they want to purchase & eat!!!! That is why there is an international symbol, the radura symbol, for radiation treatment. If other countries see the need for this labeling, why can't you!!! It is my understanding that 77% of Americans do not want irradiated food, and I am one of that 77%!!!! If the food is not properly labeled, it is as if 77% of American's are denied their choice!!!! That's un-American!!!!!!

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